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KEEGAN'S STILL ENGLAND CLASS

BY TOM ANDERSON

KEVIN KEEGAN is still one of the world's finest players and an entertainer second to none.

England team manager Bobby Robson must have rocks in his head, as KK — even at the age of 34 and out of the top-class arena

for a season — is still a class above some of the hacks playing for this present England national team.

If ever there is a

waste of talent it is here and what a sad attitude Robson has adopted towards this likeable little superstar.

If Keegan was other than an Englishman he would be still be

playing international football.

This is the impression he must have left on all those who saw him in action for Blacktown City against Canberra at the Gabbie Stadium yesterday.

Sure Blacktown lost 3-2, but this certainly wasn't Keegan's fault and with a little bit of

support from his adopted team-mates, Canberra wouldn't have been in the race.

He won everything in the air and made space for himself in the same brilliant manner as he did at Liverpool, Hamburg, Southampton and Newcastle.

Unfortunately the Blacktown players were incapable of not only giving him the service he required, but also failing to support him or run off his many intelligent promptings.

They played as if they were in a dream and it was a sheer waste of talent.

It is to be hoped they can get their act together better for Sunday's clash against Sydney Croatia.

BLACKTOWN CITY 2
CANBERRA CITY 3

Keegan scored a magnificent goal in the 32nd minute after Jim Harkins had put Canberra into the lead in the 22nd minute.

With all the room in the world, Keegan rose like a salmon to head home an accurate John McKie cross.

But Canberra surged ahead with a very doubtful goal from Terry Byrne in the 37th minute and then a brilliant effort from Manis Lamond in the 61st.

McKie pulled one back for the Demons in the 78th but Canberra held on bravely to score a surprise win.

And good luck to

Canberra: they battled well and did what they had to do to get the points.

However, there are a number of Blacktown players who should have a good look at themselves in the mirror.

Man of the match: KEVIN KEEGAN. Still a brilliant player and a class above anybody else in this match.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Skellern (Daley 69), Wheatley, Pointer, Burke; Selva, Thornihwaite (Knight 86), Bradley; Keegan, McKie, O'Connor.

CANBERRA: Franken; Ontong, Byrne, Harkins, Mihailidis; Sermanni, Dunne, Bryant; Lamond, Phillips (Gibson 66), English.

REFEREE: K. Small.

CROWD: 3,567.



KEVIN KEEGAN on the ball for Blacktown City at the Gabbie yesterday. PHOTO: GARY WARRICK (SPN).

LAMOND SHINES

BY BRAD EARL

CANBERRA CITY's young striker Manis Lamond took some of the spotlight away from Kevin Keegan at the Gabbie yesterday.

Lamond certainly impressed Stuart Webb, Keegan's manager who is also vice-chairman of English Third Division side Derby County.

Webb watched the match from the press-box and he was surprised to find that Lamond was only 18.

At times the boy

from Papua New Guinea looked just as dangerous as the former England captain.

Lamond is headed for Brazil for trials at the end of the current National League season.

"He's going to be a great player," Canberra coach Roy Thomson said.

Lamond was only recently promoted to the first team by Thomson.

He scored a very good goal to secure Canberra's win over the Demons.

Currently unemployed, Lamond came to Australia six years ago.

He has applied for Australian citizenship but does not expect it to come through until the end of the year.

That will rule him out of the Australian team for the World Youth Championship Finals in Mexico.

NSL RESULTS

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 8:

INTER MONARO 3 (Dragicevic 2, Giampaolo) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Kalanztis) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 822.
BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Keegan, McKie) CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 3 (Harkins, Byrne, Lamond) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 3,567.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	7	5	1	1	17	9	11
Sydney City	7	5	0	2	17	9	10
Marconi	7	3	3	1	16	12	9
Blacktown City	8	4	1	3	12	9	9
Canberra City	8	3	3	2	14	12	9
Apia Leichhardt	7	4	0	3	14	11	8
Sydney Olympic	8	4	0	4	8	9	8
Penrith City	7	2	2	3	9	8	6
St George	7	2	2	3	6	6	6
Newcastle Rosebud	7	1	2	4	7	15	4
Inter Monaro	8	2	0	6	11	20	4
Wollongong City	7	2	0	5	12	23	4

TOP SCORERS

- 9 — Egan (SM)
6 — Stevenson (H)
5 — Latif (SGC), Lewis (GG), Arnold (S. Cro), Patikas (S. Cro), Dragicevic (IM), Colagiuri (AL), Jankovic (M), Brown (M)
4 — Reis (BC), Zinni (BJ), Ward (MC), Smith (P), Farina (S. City)



NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

AIS 5 (Hristodoulou 3, Foster 2) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (McCrannor).
INTER MONARO 3 (D'Addaio 2, Menegon) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Oustambasidis).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra City	7	6	1	0	18	8	13
Sydney City	7	5	2	0	23	2	12
St George	8	4	2	2	16	15	10
AIS	7	3	3	1	20	14	9
Newcastle Rosebud	7	4	1	2	12	8	9
Apia Leichhardt	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
Wollongong City	7	4	0	3	14	12	8
Blacktown City	8	3	1	4	13	16	7
Sydney Croatia	8	2	2	4	14	16	6
Marconi	7	1	3	3	12	14	5
Sydney Olympic	8	1	3	5	8	18	5
Inter Monaro	9	2	1	6	13	27	5
Penrith City	9	1	1	7	10	26	3

TOP SCORERS:

- 7 — Watson (SG), Hristodoulou (AIS)
6 — Fletcher (S. City), Corridini (W)
5 — Beddoni (AL), Mullen (AIS), Jones (BC), Patterson (S. City)

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION ROUND-UP

ROUND 8:

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Constanzo) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Hunter) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1,500.
BRISBANE CITY 3 (Reis 2, Hamilton) GREEN GULLY 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1,372.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 BRUNSWICK JUVEN-TUS 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2,500.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Ward, Biskic) PRESTON 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3,000.
FOOTSCRAY 2 (Tapai, Lazopoulos) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Konstandopoulos) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 500.
HEIDELBERG 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Brown) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 15,000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	8	5	3	0	14	8	13
Melbourne Croatia	8	4	3	1	11	3	11
Heidelberg	8	4	2	2	14	7	10
Brunswick Juve	8	3	4	1	10	7	10
Brisbane Lions	8	3	3	2	6	5	9
Brisbane City	8	3	2	3	11	9	8
Sunshine GC	8	2	4	2	6	7	8
Preston	8	3	2	3	11	13	8
Green Gully	8	2	3	3	9	10	7
West Adelaide	8	2	2	4	7	10	6
Adelaide City	8	0	4	4	9	17	4
Footscray	8	1	0	7	7	17	2

EIGHT MATCHES AND NOT A WIN

ADELAIDE CITY 1 BRISBANE LIONS 1

THE deadly blues at home hit Adelaide City yesterday when they struggled to a 1-1 draw with Brisbane Lions at Olympic Sports Field.

Still without a win after eight games, the patience of the City fans is now at breaking point.

Their adrenalin was bubbling after three minutes when Fortu Costanzo scored after two shots by Peter Rankin had rebounded from goalkeeper Wayne Evans.

What proved to be the cruellest blow for home fans came in the eighth minute when Charlie Villani broke through with only Evans to beat.

He coolly went to step around the keeper, but Evans went down on the ball and a "certainty" was saved.

From then on Lions piled on the pressure and the equaliser came in the 69th minute when Alan Hun-

BY TOM MCKAIN

ter headed home from a build-up which started with a long throw from Russell Stewart.

City goalkeeper Willie McNally was the Adelaide hero with some fingertip saves from Joe Cairney, catching one of his headers, and smothering a Danny Wright effort followed by another spectacular save which denied Tony Redmond a headed goal.

Lions had the master tactics for the match.

In contrast City hit

the ball around with gay abandon and then invariably lost it.

City were not helped in the 47th minute when Villani had to leave the field with a bruised head.

Man of the match: WILLIE McNALLY who prevented Lions from running away with at least a 3-1 victory.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Donnelly, Cecero, Flounders, Nyekohus, Villani (Mullen 47), Maxwell, Malta, Rankin, Costanzo, Santac.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Jackson, T. Redmond, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Cairney (McGregor 73), Wright, Anderson. REFEREE: D. Campbell. CROWD: 1,503.

BRISBANE CITY'S 'KEVIN KEEGAN'

BRISBANE CITY 3 GREEN GULLY 0

BLACKTOWN CITY may have Kevin Keegan but Brisbane City unveiled their own overseas star when Brazilian Roberto Lettieri inspired the team to a stunning 3-0 victory over Green Gully.

Lettieri was in sensational form and, with what has been dubbed "his talking left foot," he entertained the Spencer Park crowd with skills, touches and vision not seen at the ground for many years.

The former Brazilian and Italian First Divi-

BY GREG RUSSELL

sion player was given a free role by City coach Jim Hermiston and Green Gully, rocked by the mid-week heart attack to coach Bobby McLachlan, failed to come to grips with Lettieri's unpredictability.

Such was City's dominance after their first goal that they could have won by a cricket score. Only Gully keeper Lou Denys kept the scoreline respectable.

City now remain unbeaten in four games since Hermiston took over and this win, the third on the trot, was the side's first hat-trick of victories in two years.

Not surprisingly Hermiston was the coach when the side last won three matches in a row.

Alan Reis, who was equally as dazzling up front as his new teammate, scored twice for City, while Bobby Hamilton put in the third after good work by Stephen Glockner.

With McLachlan in hospital, the team came to Brisbane led by club president Guy Spiteri and under the control of experienced full-back Jim Williams.

But out of the side were Ken Smart and Willie Vassallo while tough central defen-

der Jim Murray injured an ankle and had to be replaced at half-time.

The closest Gully came to scoring was a Stuart Cannell header which went narrowly wide.

But the match was all City and apart from the goals, the team had at least another four clear scoring chances which should, and could, have been put away.

"They are starting to believe in themselves. I am delighted with the way they are training and playing. They are all running around with the enthusiasm of an excited young kid," Hermiston said.

Man of the match: ROBERTO LETTIERI who gave a professional and skilful display of South American talent.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Mengotti, Wilkinson, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Junna, Hamilton, Fabrizio, Lettieri (Carey 69), Reis (Scroggins 73), Glockner.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Young, McLachlan, Murray (Cannell 45), Williams, Hoggan (Krajacic 73), Lewis, Smallman, Lloyd, Lucchese, Campbell.

REFEREE: G. Nicholson. CROWD: 1,372.



KAISER SETS OBJECTIVES

BY NEIL JAMESON

"THE object of the exercise is to improve the overall standard of the game in our region."

With those words former NSW coaches' Coach of the Year Ken Kaiser moved into office as the newly-appointed Northern NSW state director of coaching.

Kaiser accepted the appointment a month before the May school holidays and that meant he had little time to prepare his first challenge: selecting and coaching the Northern side for the national youth championship.

"Time is at a premium," he said, "but we've always had tremendous talent in the North and I'm certain the squad we take to Sydney will not disappoint anyone with the exception of some of our opponents."

Kaiser is a great believer in pooling coaching resources and one of his first moves was to organise a coaching course during the month of May.

He has already embarked on a familiarisation campaign with leading local coaches, starting at the top with Newcastle Rosebud United boss Willie Gallagher and his assistant Peter Fairleigh.

"I'll be talking to all the First Division coaches as soon as possible to acquaint them

with my objectives, discuss their problems and learn their views on the state of the game in our area," he added.

"My aim is to help produce the highest standards possible and that means getting players through to National League and on to Socceroo level.

"Naturally, not all of them will make it, but those who don't will return to the Northern First Division as quality players and enriched by the experience."

Kaiser's greatest concern is what happens to players during the transition period from 15 years through to senior level.

"We have a vast pool of talented players in the 14 to 16 years age bracket but for some reason they are not coming out of the process as outstanding senior players.

"We're not doing justice to these players and it doesn't surprise me that so many of them drop out of the game."

"It's our job to provide the coaches who can put the polish on these young players, and give them the soccer education needed to make the step from junior into youth and finally on to senior grade."



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CHIT CHAT



ALEX TOBIN: no comeback yet.

ALEX TOBIN, Adelaide City's Youth Soccer defender, is in danger of losing his place in the international squad.

He has been receiving treatment for an ankle injury for the last seven weeks, and there is no sign of him making a comeback.



WHY has there been no official news hand-out from the Australian Soccer Federation about the forthcoming four-team international tournament?

Hopefully we'll hear from Clarence Street before the overseas teams arrive.

YOU have to hand it to Sydney Croatia for developing into one of the most enterprising of NSL clubs.

This year, they've already spent \$150,000 on materials used to improve their home ground at the Croatian Sports Centre.

We understand there has been no government financial support.



WOLLONGONG CITY stopper RAY VLIETSTRA has started training after breaking a leg.

He may only be three or four weeks away from playing again.

YOUNG Apia Leichhardt winger VINCE COLAGIURI has been in amongst the goals this season.

Vince spent the off-season in Italy improving his game by training with Lazio and Catanzaro.



FRANK AROK is sorting out his national team players for a training camp on May 15 and 16 in Sydney.

Arok expects to call up virtually all of the players who toured China and Europe but he also has half-a-dozen other possibilities in mind.

South Australian soccer followers could be disappointed again. Arok's Adelaide informants reckon both of the state's NSL teams are dreadful.



GUESS who recommended TERRY PATALIS to Marconi boss LES SCHEINFLUG?

It was PETER KATHOLOS, who used to play with Patalis at Sydney Olympic.

"Kat" should know all about Terry's ability.

WILL ZICO tour Australia or not? That's the big question as Udinese's Brazilian ace faces income tax charges in Italy.

He will go into court charged with alleged tax evasion and illegal transfer of money.

The last celebrity to have similar charges laid in Italy was SOPHIA LOREN — and she spent 26 days in Regina Coeli jail!



WEST ADELAIDE goalkeeper GARY SPROUL could be out for the rest of the season following a knee operation.

His right leg is in plaster as he recuperates from operations on a cartilage and ligaments.

Doctors say it will be removed in 10 weeks and it could be as long as that again before he gets back to the training track.



IT seems PAUL BLUTE is fated to stay in the South Australian State League.

Wanted by the NSL's West Adelaide and Adelaide City he has always changed his mind and stuck with Croatia.

Then he took the plunge and went to Sydney Croatia — but they looked too strong in personnel, so he is back with Adelaide Croatia.

However, the Sydneysiders have invited him back next year.

OLYMPIC ARE IN TROUBLE FOR FINAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC are in serious trouble for Wednesday night's NSL Cup Final against Preston at the St George Stadium.

Olympic have to take on Preston without two international stars, Peter Katholos and Marshall Soper.

Soper was sent off yesterday in the match against Inter Monaro and will be automatically suspended.

Katholos entered hospital last week for an operation on his knee to repair ligaments and will be out of action for another eight weeks.

Arthur Svinos is expected to again fill in on Olympic's left side of midfield and Mark Koussas could come in for Soper.

Preston continue to lose matches in the League, losing 2-0 to Melbourne Croatia yesterday.

Preston should not be under-rated for this match and could take full advantage of Olympic's situation by upsetting the 1983 Cup holders.

Young goalkeeper Phillip Traianidis, Zoran Ilioski, Warren Spink, Gary Cole and Steve Smith are all good solid players, backed up by the experienced George McMillan.

However, Preston coach Bill Murray also has problems as his centre-back and most

valuable player, Robbie Dunn, injured himself yesterday in a collision with a teammate and was rushed to hospital suffering from concussion.

The Cup winner will receive \$8,000 whilst the runner-up will capture \$4,000.

The NSL is flying in Adelaide's Don Campbell, one of Australia's leading referees, for the Cup Final.

The NSL has set 7pm as kick-off time to enable the Preston players to catch the last flight back to Melbourne.



STEVE SMITH



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SAINTS BRING IN MORGAN

TREVOR MORGAN, St George's newly-arrived English import, is expected to make his debut for the Saints on Sunday against Wollongong City at the St George Stadium.

Morgan comes from Exeter City, and has been a most consistent goalscorer for the last 10 years in the English League.

Saints will face Wollongong without coach Frank Arok, who flew out of Australia this morning for England on national team duty to watch Wales play Spain in a World Cup qualifier.

Arok's reliable assistant coach, Frank Lang, will drive the Saints over the next two weeks in Arok's absence.

The Saints have struggled for goals this year and have scored only six in seven matches, also conceding six to lie in ninth position on the

NSL's Northern Division ladder.

Of all the strikers on the St George books, only right flankman Robbie Slater has been in top form over the last five matches.

If Saints are having problems scoring

goals, Adrian Alston's Wollongong City side, lying bottom of the table with a game in hand, have scored 12, double the Saints' tally, but have also conceded 12, again double their opponent's total.

CANBERRA ARE LOOKING GOOD

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS, following their spectacular win over Blacktown City yesterday, are geared for another victory when they play the visiting Sydney side Apia Leichhardt.

Canberra's win yesterday was largely inspired by young roving striker Manis Lamond who beat two defenders inside the penalty area to hit the winning goal.

Johnny Mihailidis could be retained at left-back as Jason Dunne did fairly well in the midfield.

Canberra coach Roy Thomson said last night: "All I want next Sunday against Apia is the same commitment from all my players that they gave in our last home match against Sydney Croatia. It was magnificent but this time we would want a different result."

Apia, who had their match against St George washed out yesterday, will be looking for big games from powerful Arno Bertogna and striker Vince Colagiuri, who has been in fantastic form in recent weeks.

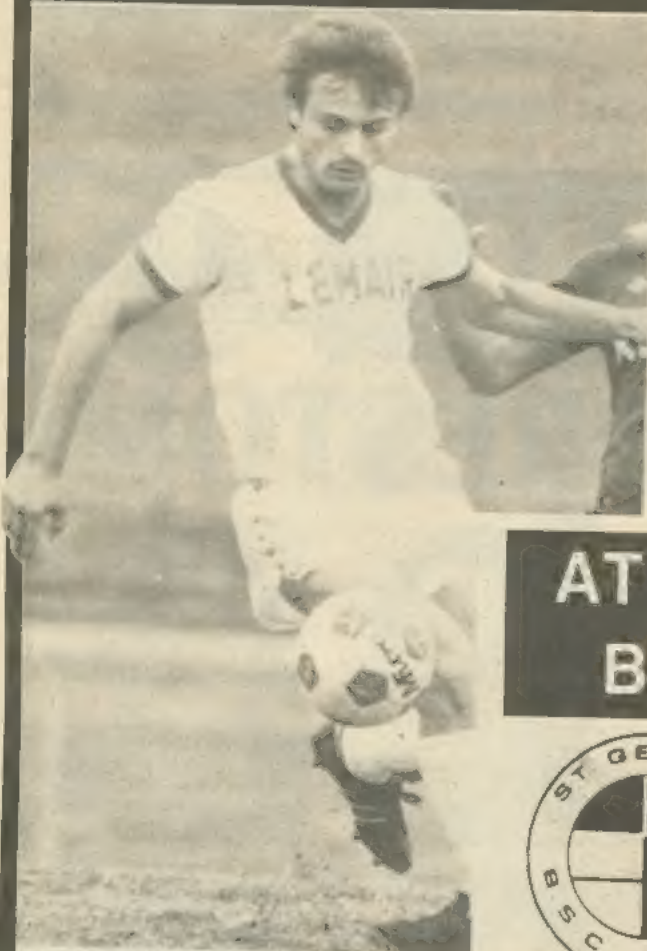
— JOHN ECONOMOS



CAMBRIDGE UNITED, struggling at the bottom of the Third Division, have appointed Ken Shellito as team manager.

Shellito was a star defender with Chelsea during the Tommy Docherty days at Stamford Bridge.

ST GEORGE v WOLLONGONG CITY



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KEVIN KEEGAN'S ADVICE:

PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

BY BRAD EARL

THERE are not many footballers — nor many people — in this world who can work as hard as Kevin Keegan has to get to the top.

Keegan, regarded as the best English player of the last 15 years, believes he achieved so much on the football field because he realised his limitations.

He modestly admits he has "limited resources" as a footballer, relying on determination, will and hard work to reach the top.

Yet his greatest achievement is that he has, in his words, enjoyed every minute of it.

It seems a remarkable contrast that Keegan has worked so hard at his career yet has enjoyed it so much.

However, hard work and enjoyment do not seem incompatible when you meet Kevin Keegan.

GOALS

When a player strives to achieve so much, as Keegan did, obviously there is a great deal of satisfaction in reaching those goals.

In a special interview with ASW, Keegan brought up many points which are pertinent to all people involved with junior and youth football in Australia.

His main criticism of football at this level is that children are coached too much too early.

"All right, they've got to be shown what they're doing wrong, they've got to get fit and they've got to be taught things that will improve their game," Keegan said.

"But you've got to let them play a bit and enjoy it."

"At 13, 14, 15, you start to learn what you can and can't do, what you can get away with and what you can't get away with. You very soon find your level."

"A good young player is one who brings his strengths out and covers his weaknesses up. If you can do that, then you're already on the way to achieving a lot with your ability."

"It's no good me knocking a ball past a player 50 yards and racing him. I have to get it in tight and nip it past him. The first 10 yards is what it's all about for me."

"Ian Rush could knock it 50 yards past him and go. But Ian Rush doesn't score

many goals with his head so he doesn't want to be battling with big centre-halves in the air.

"So you don't put yourself in that position. You turn it round to your advantage."

"Play to your strengths and hide your weaknesses. Then play to the strengths of the people with you and hide their weaknesses and you've got a good team."

There has been much criticism of the ability of young players coming through to the top level of soccer at a time when crowds have fallen throughout the world.

STAMINA

Keegan says a lot of the problem in England can be traced to the rigorous club programme.

"The first requirement of English football is stamina. If you can't play three games a week you can't play there."

"However, the one thing stamina does to you is it takes away a little bit of the edge off the other things."

"It's easy to see why English football is going through a bad patch. We have the A player for the national league and the B player for the internationals. It's not that easy to adjust to the two different types of football."

Keegan says Jesper Olsen, the Dane who joined Manchester United this season, is an example of a skilful player who has had to adjust to the rigorous demands of British club football.

Keegan also points to the wide range of activities that are increasingly accessible for youngsters today, and believes kids are not desperate enough to get to the top in football.

"When you're 16 and



JESPER OLSEN

get signed as an apprentice professional, you're at the very bottom rung of the ladder. Yet some kids think that just because they've been signed by Manchester United or Arsenal that they've made it."

"Every step is a mountain."

'PET HATE'

Keegan says children must experience the enjoyment of football from a young age. The pressure can come later.

"It's a pet hate for everybody — the parent who means well but is actually doing his kid a lot of harm," Keegan said.

"Out there at seven, eight, nine, 10 is the parent, in the form of the child. That's a big problem."

"At that age I don't think it's about winning or losing; it's about enjoying the game."

"I was lucky that way. My dad just quietly said: 'There you are son, there's a pair of boots, off you go, good luck to you.' At nine or 10 I was playing but I was under no pressure from my dad at all."

"The only pressure I had was whatever pressure I put on myself."

Keegan never made his district side in Doncaster as a youth, but he says his size had a lot to do with that.

STRENGTH

"I was too small and the big lads always look better at that age."

"I could do my little tricks but I couldn't run as fast as they could and I certainly wasn't as strong as they were."

"Then at 15 I got a bit of strength and I grew a bit. It suddenly all went in reverse. The big lads who were better than me I overtook overnight."

His apprenticeship at Scunthorpe helped him enormously — more than he was to appreciate at that time.

"One of the luckiest things that happened to me, more by accident than anything else, was that there was a guy there, a full-back, who had a great physique."

"He did it by running up and down the cantilever stand at Scunthorpe with dumb-bell weights in his hands. So I used to follow him, little skin-

ny me!

"Basically it put a great top on me — more by good luck than good management. Then, when I went up to Liverpool and played with all the big guys, suddenly they were bouncing off me as well."

"When I went to Hamburg I built myself up even more. They train hard in Germany, but they can afford to as they don't have as many games."

"I can remember being physically sick two or three times at Hamburg. I always give training my best shot, but sometimes at Hamburg when you give it everything you've got, you go over the top."

PRESSURE

Part of Keegan's success must be attributed to the fact that he never let himself be affected by pressure.



KEEGAN is challenged by a Canberra City player in his debut match for Blacktown City yesterday. PHOTO: GARY WARRICK (SPN).

"People think that because you're at the top there's a lot of pressure and you don't enjoy it, but I never felt the pressure like some people and I did enjoy it."

"Once I got on the football field I knew that given a fair chance I could do the

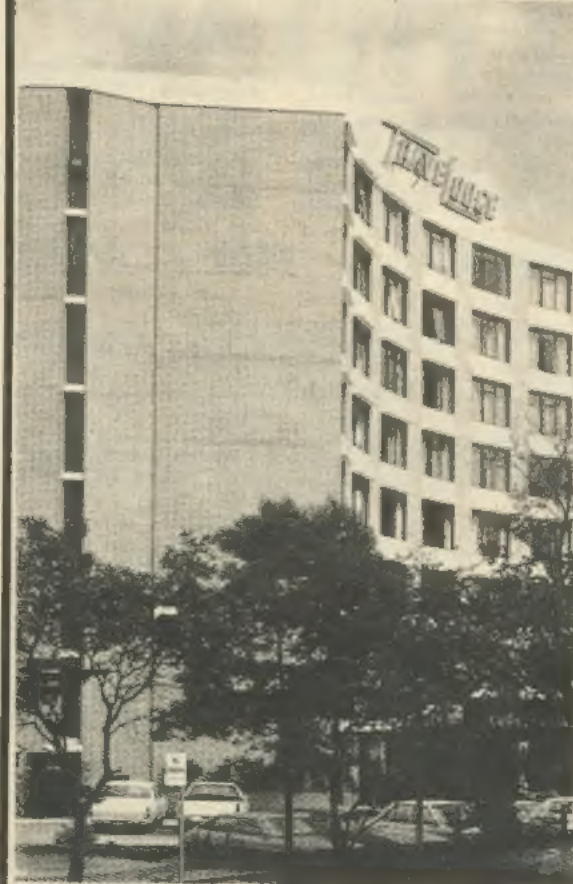
job that was being asked of me. It wasn't like being asked to get up and sing a song when you can't sing."

"That's why I'm not nervous about playing for Blacktown. I know I can play football and I know I'm still very fit and I know that I can add something, so I'm

not worried about it. "I know people expect a lot and that you can probably never give them everything they expect."

"But I've always said that with footballers like myself people expect miracles. And it's our job to try and provide them."

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RIGHT: A BLAST from the past in this picture of the 1969 soccerroos, coached by the late Joe Vlasits.

Do you recognise the players around the snooker table as Johnny Warren plays his shot?

From left: Joe Alagic, Jim Fraser, Atti Aboryi, David Zeman, Manfred Schaefer, Ian Johnson, Allan Mamoch, Joe Vlasits and Gary Manuel.

JOE'S LAST GAME

BY KEITH GILMOUR

TWO days before "Uncle" Joe Vlasits passed on, I drove him from his Northmead home to the Marconi v Wollongong game at Marconi and then back again after the game.

We had an arrangement too that couldn't be kept. He was to phone again about yesterday's match.

Whilst I treasure those characteristic discussions on the way to recent club games and the Oceania Youth Championship, there are others who were at Marconi that Sunday who will cherish their talks with this great character.

There was young Paul Carter of Marconi, who received a friendly word of advice from the "master".

And Ray Vlietstra, who was earnestly counselled not to come back until his leg break is fully mended.

From memory there was a word to the fathers of Joe Rizzotto and Dominic Giannone, and to Olympic Airways National Soccer League vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta.

For fully 15 minutes, Uncle Joe chatted away to Wollongong coach Adrian Alston before the game.

Afterwards he had a word to Les Scheinflug.

And there were other faces from the crowd who came up for what turned out to be a last word with Uncle Joe.

For many of us there will never be another man like him.

RIGHT: THE old master and the young master: the late Uncle Joe Vlasits presents the Coach of the Year trophy to Eddie Thomson at last year's Australian Soccer Press Association-National Soccer League awards night.



AUSTRALIA's soccer fraternity was greatly saddened when the news broke that "Uncle" Joe Vlasits, one of Australia's greatest soccer people, had passed away.

He had suffered great pain over the past three years with kidney disease and had undergone numerous operations as well as being connected to a dialysis machine.

Had it not been for his enormous heart, the pain and suffering this man went through would have killed him much earlier.

Last week, Uncle Joe's big heart, which had won countless battles for him, finally gave up the fight; he suffered a heart attack at the bus stop on his way to Westmead Hospital for his regular treatment.

POWER

What made this 64-year-old Hungarian such a big name on the Australian soccer scene?

He was a first-class human being.

Uncle Joe had something very special about him. It was more than just charisma. It was a power that emanated from him to players under his control.

It was an unexplainable art, talent, ability or gift that made every

member of all the squads under his control, fully respect the man and want to play for Uncle Joe.

He extracted a special type of respect and a very real sense of responsibility from all players, enabling them to perform well beyond normal capacity and ability.

I first met Uncle Joe in 1960 at the Sydney Athletic Field when he sent out his now-famous Canterbury "Babes" to warm up for an Ampol Cup match against the magical Prague team.

Although it was a night match, Uncle Joe came out of Canterbury's dressing rooms, wearing a soft felt hat: a hat which was to become his trade mark.

Uncle Joe is survived by his widow Federika and their married daughters, Maria and Laurie.

At his funeral service last Friday morning at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, many soccer people turned up to pay their last respects to Australia's soccer master.

Amongst the countless soccer officials

and media personnel were former World Cup internationals, captain Johnny Warren, Atti Abonyi, Johnny Watkiss, Alan Mamoch, Jimmy Fraser, Stan Ackerley, plus Sydney Olympic's current captain and Soccerroo, Peter Raskopoulos.

All the above players served as pallbearers. It was the first time it could be said that players carried Uncle Joe.

On so many occasions he carried them till they found their bearings and self-confidence in their soccer careers.

At the service, the chaplain mentioned: "Josef came to this country in 1949 from his native land, Hungary, bringing with him his most wonderful character full of integrity."

Unquestioned integrity may I add.

TRIBUTE TO UNCLE JOE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Amongst many, many other deeds, Uncle Joe was best remembered for the young Canterbury side of the early 1960s.

His constant, strong belief in youth was a policy that followed him around wherever he went and laid the foundations for Australia's new, young international side from 1967 to 1969.

He took over Canterbury in 1957 and created famous players of the likes of Johnny Watkiss, Brian Smith, the Warren brothers (Johnny and Geoff), "Whoopey" Neal, Geoff Campbell, Tommy North, Bruce Young, Eddie Jones, Barry Salisbury, Ron Brown, Jack Curry and Ron Corry.

As well, Uncle Joe gave a big chance to Atti Abonyi, Alan Mamoch, Stan Ackerley, Ray Baartz, George Keith, Danny Walsh, Adrian Alston, Billy Vojtek, Tommy McColl, Jimmy Fraser and Gary Manuel.

All of them were to kick on and become Australian soccer stars for many years.

UNIQUE

He achieved a unique hallmark by winning three consecutive championships with three different clubs in 1960, '61, '62, with Canterbury, Prague and St George Budapest.

He got people to play for him. He possessed an immaculate skill of man-management, or the ability to handle players with immaculate control.

Not so much teaching them how to kick or pass a ball, or



getting them to do endless lap-work around a paddock.

He religiously maintained an honest relationship with all his playing staff members. A relationship based on implicit trust and respect.

He NEVER spoke badly of anyone. Always kind, but direct and very honest.

His passion for soccer drowned all financial ambitions.

In fact, when the ASF was struggling financially, he volunteered a cut in his small salary as national coach of Australia's World Cup squad in 1969.

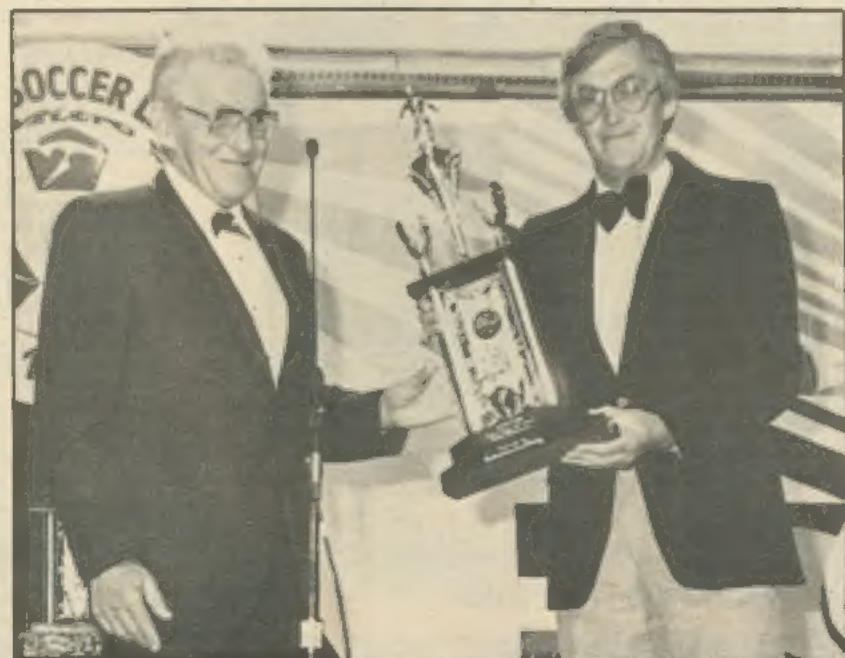
Uncle Joe was a creator and copped heaps of criticism for his unorthodox and pioneering methods, all of which paid handsome dividends for his players, clubs and national sides

under his control.

With his Canterbury "Babes" at Arlington Oval, he would send out a team of young kids to face REAL teams: heavyweight teams such as the magical Prague, which in those days was stacked with Austrian professionals such as Jaros, Tamandl, Baumgartner and the Ninaus brothers.

And the Canterbury Babes would pack the crowds in at Arlington Oval every Saturday with gates of 10,000-plus. It was heroic stuff. The kids against the big-time pros.

Before he died, Uncle Joe requested of me, Canterbury official Jimmy Ronis and Johnny Warren: "I would like you to take my ashes and scatter them at Arlington Oval immediately after I am cremated."



"Arlington Oval was my home and that is where I want to be laid to rest."

Canterbury, under Uncle Joe's guidance, became the golden, glorious team of the late '50s and early '60s.

It was a club where youth gravitated to because they knew it was a club where they

could get a fair go.

If you can imagine a team today that includes Tommy McCulloch, Rod Brown, David Lowe, Jimmy Patikas, Frank Farina, Robbie Slater, Alex Bundalo, Grant Lee, Robbie Wheatley and Anthony Franken, well that's how it was with the Canterbury Babes.

In 1967, the ASF appointed Uncle Joe as Australia's national coach. He took a very young side for a tour of 10 matches to battle-torn Saigon, Vietnam.

They returned having played 10 won 10.

In 1969, faced with the herculean task of taking Australia to the Mexico World Cup, Uncle Joe's chances were butchered by FIFA's decision of forcing Australia to play eight matches to qualify, seven being away matches.

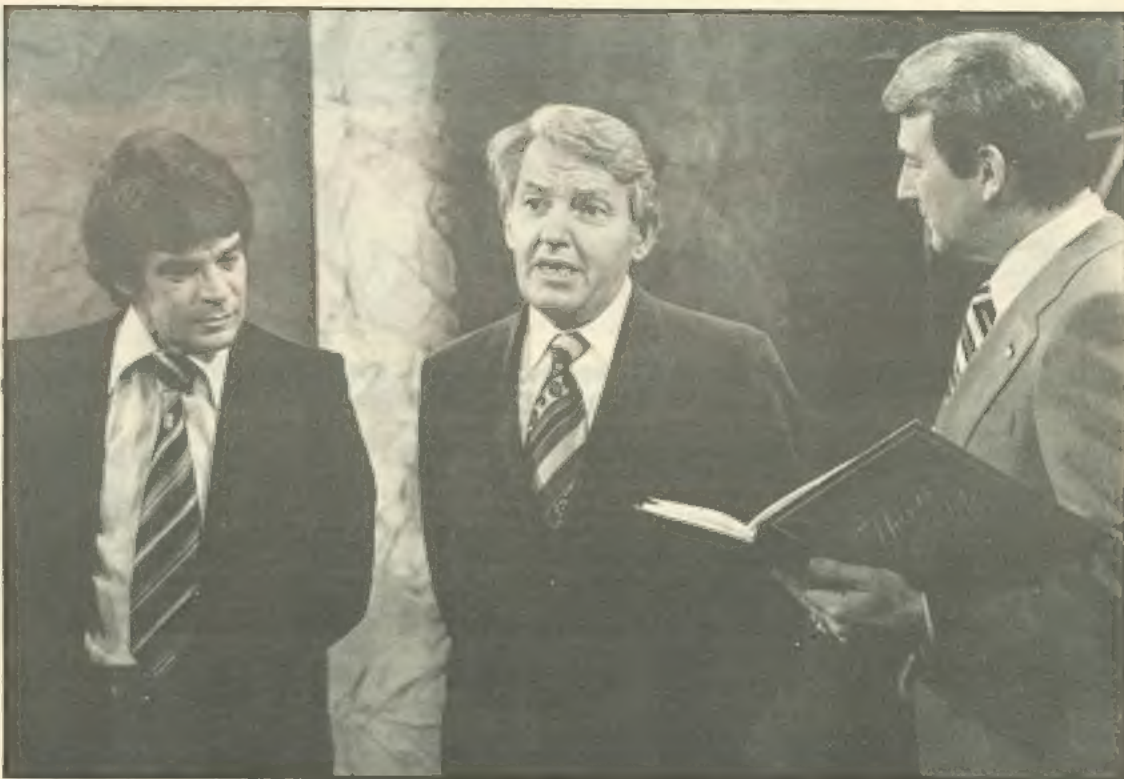
The team faced nippy Japan, the rough, non-stop tackling of the Koreans, the labourious, negative Rhodesians as well as the deadly Israelis.

And they nearly did it, missing out by the one goal at the Sydney Sports Ground in 1969 when Australia drew against the most powerful World Cup side Israel has ever put on a pitch.

And Uncle Joe did all this without the aid of sponsorships, money and above all preparation camps.

In fact, Israel was snugly into their camp here in Australia by Monday afternoon, training and resting for the Saturday clash, whilst the Australian team went into **JOHNNY WARREN** (Australia's World Cup captain): "He was a real man. He performed heroic stuff, had guts and you could believe in him. He was a real human being who loved people and never said anything bad about anyone. He just did his job to the best of his ability and created."

JOHNNY WATKISS (one of Australia's greatest ever soccer internationals, having played in three World Cup campaigns): "Uncle Joe's youth policy,



UNCLE JOE was a special guest when Johnny Warren was featured on Channel 7's "This is Your Life" programme. At right is presenter Roger Climpson.

blended with some experienced players, created a fantastic fighting team spirit camp at their Wahroongah motel just a day-and-a-half before the match because the ASF couldn't afford the expense.

The old master never complained, neither did the players.

In the next World Cup, Australia qualified for the Finals in Munich. The backbone of the Australian team were Uncle Joe Vlasits' products — Alston, Abonyi, Richards, Watkiss, Warren, Schaefer.

Ruthlessness was never part of Uncle Joe's armoury or character.

He was a real hero. A real person. No-one will ever do better for Australia.

He was unique because players were the most important people to him, not himself.

I spoke to some of

the players he turned into international soccer stars. Here is what they had to say about their Hungarian master:

with all the sides he created. He was the most honest, direct coach I had in my playing days. And, above all, he was always a gentleman with an ability to be able to speak to any person of any level. He was the most approachable person I've known."

ALLAN MARNOCH (Australia's giant rugged centre-back): "He was a gentleman.

As you know, I never got on with most coaches — except him. For Uncle Joe I had the utmost respect for him as first a man and then as a coach. I felt he was unfairly dealt with after the 1969 campaign. He was a real character and I will never forget him. He was one of the real few gentleman in soc-

cer, a most wonderful man."

ATTI ABONYI (Australia's ball-playing striker): "Uncle Joe was a real father image to all of us. He was protective, honest and dedicated to all of us. I owe everything to him because it was Uncle Joe who gave me the opportunity and encouragement I needed for my international career."

"I will always remember him by the way all his players respected and above all trusted him. He started a brand new Australian team in 1967, of which most carried on to get Australia into Munich in 1974."

"What Matt Busby was to Manchester United with his Busby Babes, Uncle Joe was with his young Australia and Canterbury Babes. He was the best coach I had and a most wonderful person."

STAN ACKERLEY (Australia's tenacious World Cup full-back): "The man was just that. A real man and a real gentleman. You could not but help respect Uncle Joe. I will never forget this great man for what he did for Australian soccer and for me personally."

JIMMY FRASER (Australia's tough goalkeeper and one of the main reasons why Australia got to Munich in 1974):

"It was indeed an honour to play under or for this man. For that is what he was. A real man, and a very good man. I had the utmost respect for him."

Uncle Joe, it was not only a pleasure to have known you, but indeed an honour.

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NSW PLAYERS ENHANCE SOCCEROO CHANCES

IT was a job well done by the squad representing New South Wales in the annual clash with Queensland in front of a crowd of 5,000 at Perry Park, Brisbane.

National coach Frank Arok, who is on the verge of selecting his training squad, was a keen observer at the game.

His job was to run the rule over all players, but particularly

ones who have been pushing for selection.

There were certainly a few NSW players who enhanced their chances.

Jim Patikas turned in a great performance and topped it off with two goals.

Gerry Gomez showed he's got the enthusiasm and drive to do well in any company.

Peter Tredinnick provided a little bit extra on the left when coming on as sub.

Overall, though, it was a fine team effort and later in the game it could have been

four or five.

Queensland battled all the game and were a credit to their state, but in the end, possibly through their lack of big-match games, were a little bit down on their southern rivals.

It's terribly difficult for lads from the so-called smaller states to force their way into the national team, as really they have to prove they are a bit better than the players in the big centres.

But there are one or two young players there who could make it eventually by performing consistently and showing a bit of patience.



GERRY GOMEZ (left): enthusiasm and drive.

COOPERATION WILL BE SO IMPORTANT

THE national team has a punishing schedule between now and November and Frank Arok is going to need everyone's cooperation in his build-up programme.

There are going to be times when clubs are going to have to cooperate more than ever.

It is vital for the credibility of the game in Australia that the national team does well, and so it needs everyone to get behind the national coach.

It will be a very important early series when Spurs, Udinese and Vasco Da Gama are here in May, June, and from that series I'd imagine would emerge the squad that will work together to start the World Cup onslaught in September.

The players themselves are going to be playing and training probably more than they've ever done on a competitive basis.

Places are at stake in this coming competition and, apart from the League programme, every game counts in the World Cup programme come September.

It's not going to be easy but, with cooperation from everyone and dedication from the players, the World Cup Finals can be reached.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LOSE FINE CLUB

THE National League's loss is the Skypak State League's gain ... that's the impression that comes from Melita Stadium.

Melita Eagles are moving quickly to becoming one of the

state's finest clubs.

At their first home League game of the season against Warringah after their relegation from National League, you would have expected to feel an atmosphere of gloom.

Far from it though. The ground must be the envy of many Sydney clubs, with a new stand almost completed and a pitch that looks well-maintained.

The match programme is informative, not only giving team selections but in-depth profiles and other club business.

On the field, they showed enough to suggest that Mick Jones had a squad capable of winning the League.

They created plenty of scoring chances, with ex St George star Peter Hensman looking the goods on the right side.

At times they looked a bit vulnerable at the back, but I'm sure Mick will sort that out.

Young ex-Welsh Youth international Richard Mullen looked competent in his first outing, not under much pressure but sure in everything he did, including a fine second half penalty save.

The other pleasing factor for the club has been the outstanding form of their young and talented reserve side.

Things look good at Melita and the impression I got from my visit was they deserve any success that comes their way.



RICHARD MULLEN: competent and sure.



PETER HENSMAN: created chances.

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"OH Oh Oh Oh what a referee ..."
so went a song of many years ago.

Which indicates that referee bagging is not a modern phenomenon.

However, the frequency and intensity of criticism against referees has certainly increased in modern times.

This applies in all sports.

It certainly applies in soccer where criticism of referees by club officials, especially coaches, is a weekly event.

CRITICAL

Soccer players and their coaches have been very critical of the standard of refereeing this year.

There does not appear to have been anything like the

same condemnation of the standard of play and coaching.

I do not believe that the referees in this country lag behind the rest of the soccer fraternity.

They are on a par with it.

The standard of refereeing is as good as the standard of play; indeed, it will always be a reflection of the standard of play.

The numerous sendings-off and cautions this year are not the result of bad refereeing.

REFLECTED

They are the result of the increased lawlessness in our community and on our sports field.

The people who are most able to produce

law and order on the field of play are the coaches.

As mentioned in a previous article, the attitudes of coaches are reflected in their players.

Going beyond the Laws of the Game is not necessary to gain success.

Rugby league's most successful coach, Jack Gibson, has proved that.

He said on television recently that in his coaching career spread over several clubs, he has only once had a player sent off.

In a game so competitive and aggressive as league, this is an outstanding record.

The reason it came about was that Gibson insisted on it.

He personally admonished, fined, suspended or left out players who were unable, or unwilling, to play the game within the laws.

He seeks controlled aggression in his players, not uncontrolled violence or even

controlled violence — which is the worst possible attitude to bring to sport.

Tim Davies is often cited by coaches and club officials as the type of referee we need.

This is unfair to the rest of the referees.

Referee Davies is probably the country's

best referee, but it is akin to the referees saying that our coaches should all be as good as Eddie Thomson or Frank Arok.

Referees, just as coaches and club officials, get better with experience.

Peter Rampley was

a good referee several years ago.

Despite recent criticism, I cannot believe he has got worse in the past few years.

Referees learn from every game, just as do coaches and players.

I have watched over recent years the progress of referees such as Terry Seacy, Graham Warne and Gary Power.

Referee Seacy used to struggle in Second Division games.

Now he is able to handle National League games.

Last year he came to Wollongong to handle an important promotion game with my club Fairy Meadow.

Naturally I wondered how he would go, but he was excellent and in complete control.

INTENSE

He also had tact and humour — qualities which surface when a referee is feeling in command of the situation.

Obviously at National League level the pressures are greater, the competition more intense and things not as easy to handle.

But with constant involvement he, like other referees, will eventually gather the same composure at the top level as he displays in the lower leagues.

Refereeing decisions level themselves out over a season.

To concentrate on those that go against you and then go in to print to criticise the referee is not good morally, nor is it good for the image of the game.

Referees are part of our professional soccer.

Constant criticism of them is reflected on the entire soccer fabric.

We all thrive on praise. We try to live up to a good reputation if someone will give us that.

Despite talk to the contrary, referees ARE human.



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KEEGAN ON NORTHSIDE

KEVIN KEEGAN's only Sydney appearance north of the Harbour Bridge will be at Manly Warringah Soccer Club, Cromer Park, on Friday night — and it looks like being the most memorable occasion in the club's history.

Manly have pulled off a coup getting the great man to their club even though several National League clubs were also hoping to invite the former England captain.

George Dick, president of Manly, contacted Keegan at the St George Club on Saturday night to finalise arrangements for the Manly function. "I am keenly looking forward to Kevin's visit to our club and, after seeing the way he handled the St George night, I can promise our supporters, and everyone interested in soccer, a great night," said the Manly president.

The Manly night will include a dinner. There will be video presentations between each course and it appears the State League club has taken great pains to ensure it will be a tremendous occasion.

Manly's club is at Cromer Park, Dee Why, and dinner will kick off at 8 pm.

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NATIONAL coach Frank Arok summed it up: "If Jim Patikas had been in a Maroon shirt he would be in the Australian squad."

The Sydney Croatia youngster stole the show in last week's interstate clash which had been billed as the opportunity for Queenslanders to force their way into the Australian squad.

And while Steve Jackson and Alan Hunter did nothing to harm their chances for future consideration, the match, won 3-1 by NSW, was all Patikas.

The former Young Socceroo was simply brilliant on the ball, scoring two goals and setting up the other for his captain John Kosmina.

His performance, along with that of NSW full-back Gerry Gomez, was definitely the highlight of the match for Arok.

Arok had come to Brisbane with "with an open mind" but was very sure of his thoughts after the match.

"There is not one living creature who can get into the national squad unless he is better or different from any other player I have picked. Those in the squad are doing the job with maximum commitment."

"Newcomers have to be something different and the only players who offered that in this match were Patikas and Gomez," he said.

The pair are certain to be named in Arok's new national squad this week: a squad which almost surely will contain no Queenslanders.

Arok said the forthcoming international tournament, involving the Socceroos, England's Tottenham Hotspur, Italy's Udinese and Brazil's Vasco Da Gama, would be used to, as he described, "clear the question marks."

"We are in a good position. There are more than enough good players but I must see if they are capable of giving what I need," Arok said.

"The question mark players, the ones I am talking about, are players like Patikas, Gomez, Farina, Franken and others, who will be put in with say seven or eight regulars and we will see how they go."

Of Queensland's hopes for the squad, Arok said Hunter and Niven were "overweight" and he cited the example of Sydney City stopper Steve O'Connor, who had lost eight kilos to keep his Green and Gold jersey.

But the national coach sympathised with outstanding young Lions full-back Steve Jackson, who was switched to sweeper after only seven minutes when Jim Hermiston was tragically carried from the field with a gashed leg.

The loss of Hermiston rocked the Queenslanders and the reshuffled defence



JIMMY PATIKAS

consisted of three players no older than 21 years.

Queensland held NSW scoreless to half-time but the Blues broke through 10 minutes after the break when Patikas made the most of a fine ball from substitute Peter Tredinnick.

The young Queensland defence showed inexperience in stopping for offside as Patikas raced on, rounded Kim Wishart and slotted the ball away.

But Queensland bounced back almost immediately and "find" of the match, Premier League player Dave Wheeler, neatly turned in a near post cross from Alan Reis off a Russell Stewart free-kick.

But then Queensland lost its concentration and NSW marched on to victory with another goal two minutes later from Kosmina and a settler in the 84th minute from Patikas' head.

Graham Arnold was unlucky not to add another when his shot hit the crossbar while Queensland's best other chance was a John Stewart shot

stopped on the line by Alex Robertson.

QUEENSLAND: Wishart, Jackson, Hermiston (Archer 7), Hunter, Niven, Reis (Millman 73), R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Wheeler, Wright.

NSW: Greedy, Gomez, Robertson, Ratcliffe, Bertogna, Watson, McCulloch, Savor (Tredinnick 50), Patikas, Kosmina, Arnold.
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STOWELL WANTS A WINNING RECORD IN FIJI

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell is hoping for a 100 per cent winning record when he takes his Maroon side on a 10-day tour of Fiji next month.

Queensland, which clashed with New South Wales at Perry Park last Thursday, will play at least three matches during the tour, with at least one against the Fiji national team in the National Stadium in Suva.

Other opponents are likely to include the national champion club side, while several outer island sides are seeking matches against the Queenslanders.

Stowell will finalise his tour squad this week but it is expected to be very close to that 16-man squad picked to prepare for last week's interstate clash.

The only definite exclusion will be Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston, whose work commitments with the Queensland Police Force prevent him touring.

The Queensland players will be told by Stowell that they are going to Fiji to play soccer.

"It's certainly not going to be a holiday and I think we have the players to win all our matches while we are away," Stowell said.

The tour, which will be the first by a full Queensland side according to QSF records, is the result of a request late last year by the Oceania Confederation which met in Brisbane.

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TWO TEAMS BRAVED THE RAIN

CANT-M'VILLE 2 FAIRY MEADOW 2

ONE may be forgiven for thinking that the Canterbury and Fairy Meadow teams were a little adventurous, moreover insane, to go ahead with their match at a rain-drenched Arlington Oval.

The match ended 2-2, fitting of a spectacle that defied the adverse weather conditions.

The affair also defied the cold and miserable weather in that it was a hot and fiery encounter. In all seven players were booked.

For the match to get off the ground was a credit to the Canterbury-Marwickville committee.

With some intelligent forward thinking they cancelled the lower grades and the firsts were able to kick off.

Canterbury gave their hard working members an early present when, with only two minutes gone, left winger Paul Kirwan sprinted through to latch on to a through-ball from midfielder Pena and delicately chip the keeper.

But Fairy Meadow quickly dampened the ardour of the excited Canterbury supporters.

At the four minute mark a rampaging Glen Fontana intercepted a John Karaspyros back-pass and duly beat Chris Hummel to level.

Karaspyros can indeed consider himself fortunate to have played the match after being sent off last week Under Federation rules a player is permitted to play until he fronts the judiciary (tom-

BY FRANK COLETTA

morrow night)

Fairy Meadow were lifted by Fontana's effort and quickly began to show their great home form can also be reproduced away from the "ring."

They pushed forward in numbers and their effervescent sorties often led to desperation tackles by the Canterbury players.

Right on the stroke of half-time Fontana struck again, as a through-ball eluded two ball-watching Canterbury defenders and the livewire from down south didn't need to be asked twice to complete the goal-scoring formalities.

The field held together nicely and allowed the players to show some entertaining stuff.

Kirwan tried a good deal on his wing and on occasions was able to stand his marker up well.

In the 75th minute Louis Downs converted a penalty kick after Fairy Meadow's midfielder Peil had handled.

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For the match to get off the ground was a credit to the Canterbury-Mar-rickville committee.

With some intelligent forward thinking they cancelled the lower grades and the firsts were able to kick off.

Canterbury gave their hard working members an early present when, with only two minutes gone, left winger Paul Kirwan sprinted through to latch on to a through-ball from midfielder Pena and delicately chip the keeper.

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Karaspyros can indeed consider himself fortunate to have played the match after being sent off last week Under Federation rules a player is permitted to play until he fronts the judiciary (tom-

BY FRANK COLETTA

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JUNIOR SCENE

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BELWEST FOXING AROUND

PROMINENT ACT junior club Belwest Foxes enjoyed the recent one-day carnival held in Harden by the South West Slopes Soccer Association.

Belwest took seven of its 38 teams. Four of them were mini-soccer exponents.

They enjoyed their games just as much as the older fellows and swept everything before them.

Then on the Sunday Belwest took their top teams to Goulburn where they had a great day in the Southern Tablelands Association's tournament.

Club secretary Graham Ottewill envisages that the club will compete in more of these carnivals during the season.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TITLES IN CANBERRA

THE Commonwealth Bank Secondary Schools Soccer Championship will be played this year in Canberra from September 2/6.

Competing will be the hosts ACT together with NSW, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.

Australian Schools Soccer Federation secretary Kevin Peterson said in Perth that he hoped South Australia would enter again.

This decision lies with the SA Education Department, who it is believed do not favour the schools championship where the state is also involved in junior titles.



BRENT "TIGER" LOADER, a mini-soccer goalkeeper, goes down to cover the ball. When Brent is not playing he turns out as mascot for the Harden Soccer Club's senior team, which recently played in the Maples Cup KO series.

SERDERON'S \$1,000 COMPETITION

MAJOR Sydney polythene distributor Serderon Pty Ltd will again sponsor the outstanding Serderon Prize in **AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY**.

The company has been closely associated with ASW for some years, providing prizemoney which acts as an incentive to improve the quality of soccer news in the community.

The total award is \$1,000, which will be split amongst five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and organisations.

The first prize is \$500, second \$250, third \$100, fourth \$100, with a further consolation prize of \$50.

Entries cover the 1985 season through to the issue of September 30, 1985.

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In making the announcement, Serderon director Mr Steve Serda said: "We are sure that this competition will promote to all people the enormous strength of junior soccer in this country."

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MANLY REFEREES' BREAKTHROUGH

MANLY-WARRINGAH Soccer Referees Association has produced a **Referees Handbook** that deserves to become a standard for all referees' bodies throughout Australia.

The 20-page booklet concisely sets out advice on subjects which the referee and cadet referee must be the master.

First up, the referee is advised to look to the maintenance of his gear. Many practical suggestions are made, including guidelines for wet weather conditions.

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The keen referee is given the rules that apply so that he knows in advance the steps that apply when he is looking to move up the ladder.

Next comes an important chapter on "What field examiners examine."

Appearance, signals, stoppages, advantage, co-operation with linesmen, application of the Laws, position and movement and control and authority all receive due mention.

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ASW recommends that all referees associations and interested referees obtain a copy of the Manly-Warringah handbook.

Contact point is branch register Bob Young, 422 Sydney Rd, Balgowlah 2093 (phone 94 4039).

Officials of the Manly-Warringah Referees include president Tony Rathbone, vice-president Brian Fowler, secretary Jim Loke and treasurer John Lax.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP RESULTS

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LAST CHANCE FOR U16 CHINA TOUR

THE unduly late decision by international soccer body FIFA to change the age grouping for the World Under 16 Tournament has had its repercussions in Australia.

FIFA decided that players must be born on or after August 1, 1968, and not January 1, 1969, as previous-

ly advised.

The boys that come within the extra five months span will have their chance to impress coach Vic Dalgleish at the National U18 Championships at Parklea in Sydney next week.

Australia is in the first Under 16 World Cup finals, to be played in China from July 31 to August 11.

Another 1,000 refs needed

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation is passing the message around.

Their last meeting was held down south in Harden and the next time they go west to Orange.

But everywhere president Brian Fowler goes, the story is that more whistlers are needed.

On recent count there were 1,955 qualified referees in the branch.

Brian says that another 1,000 could be placed as soon as they qualified.

There is always a steady turnover of referees.

Fowler says: "People do not come to you with open arms shouting 'Here I am, I want to be a referee. To recruit new referees is hard work.'"

If the AASRF cannot get that other 1,000 referees, then they will be in deep trouble covering entries and lines during the year.

Secretary Ron Beaumont has faced up to the recruitment problem many times over.

He lost 70 referees last year but went from door to door seeking replacements.

As a result, his district has 170 officials to attend to their local games.

Examination board member Bill Hiley was on the job watching South West Slopes holding a trial for representative selection for the Riverina championships.

He kept a tab on referees' performances, filming some of the incidents he wanted to bring to the attention of referees later.

Some of the points he highlighted were not running in zig-zag fashion across field, showing their backs to linesmen and pointing fingers at players.



Young Rod fights for his place

RODNEY RAY (pictured) of the Harden Soccer Club was born in 1972 and started to play football with his present club in 1981 in U9s.

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Known to his mates as "Scruffy," he has been awarded his club's Best and Fairest Trophy in three consecutive years, 1981, 1982 and 1983.

In 1983 he represented Harden Primary School in the Cootamundra and District schoolboys trials.

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Here is how Hornsby Heights Sports Club sees the ...

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1. Thou shalt not encourage thy lad to score goals by the payment of filthy lucre.
The real reward from playing soccer is simply to enjoy the game. Losing or winning are largely incidental.
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Parents can, and should, inspire the team ("Come on, Hornsby Heights", "Well played, Hornsby Heights", etc) in a civilised manner. Encourage good attitudes of behaviour by example.
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Where a team has lost, not a single member of the team NEEDS to be told they did not play too well — for they will know only too well. Always try hard to find something to praise, to encourage.
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Coaching can often be a far from easy task. Remember — when a team wins well, the team usually receives the praise. But when a team loses it is often the coach who is blamed. Tolerance, support and understanding is required.
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During a game, allow the team to play as they see it should be. Rarely can a lad hear properly and shouted extraneous "advice" during a game, and it will more than likely cause some confusion.
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Encourage him to take a fully active part in the clubs activities, attend meetings, coaching courses, etc. Your team will be the real beneficiaries.
7. Thou shalt mightily encourage thy lad in the concepts of sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
Soccer is an extremely fast game, requiring a high degree of skill, concentration and intelligence. Where incidents occasionally do occur, respect by the lads for the referee's and linesmen's decisions — and other players — is vital. Shaking hands with the other team after a match is an excellent start!
8. Thou shalt cause thy lad to always desire to train conscientiously.
The hour or so devoted to coaching on weekday evenings is often more important to the lads' soccer than the weekend games, as this is where their levels of skill and expertise are developed.
9. Thou shalt mightily endeavour to thoroughly enjoy the lads' soccer with him.
Strong support and encouragement by the parents for the lads, individually and collectively, can do so much to help develop the lads' self-respect and raise their levels of ability.
10. Thou shalt support thy club to the best of thy ability.
For a few hours a month the club needs your support. Offering a strong community support commitment, the club progresses with the active help and encouragement of the parents.

YOUTH LEAGUE

'BIG WET' AFFECTS YOUTH LEAGUE

SYDNEY'S torrential downpours played havoc with Saturday's round of NSW Youth League fixtures.

Only 16 out of the scheduled 56 matches went ahead. These were restricted to the Canterbury area and out-of-town locations Proctor Park Bathurst and Ponderosa Park Camden.

At Arlington Oval Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic was at home to Greek rivals Sydney Olympic whilst at nearby Marrickville Oval Rockdale played Bankstown.

Rockdale's under 15 side looked the goods but then fell to pieces to allow Bankstown to run away for an 8-1 win at Arlington Oval.

As play progressed it was the Bankstown boys who took over and their defence held their opponents in a vice-like grip.

In under 16 Bankstown has suffered blow after blow with the team being eroded by loss of players to other clubs.

Despite all this the newer players blended in well and the Town went on to win 3-0.

Ponderosa Park is a top ground in wet weather and home club Macarthur Association produced three wins and one loss against Canterbury Association there on Saturday.

The under 16 team, which was up 2-0 against Bankstown only to lose 3-2 the previous week, were twice unlucky.

Official Danny Himbrechts reckons that they had 90 per cent of play and lost 1-0 when Canterbury made a rare visit to their half.

Macarthur under 14 defeated Canterbury 5-0 and believe that Rockdale are the team to beat.

The club is planning to reach Group B status next season but time alone will tell.

ROUND 4

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
C'bury-M'ville v Syd Olympic	0-2	0-3	1-3	2-1

GROUP C

Rockdale v Bankstown	0-0	1-0	1-8	0-3
Mararthur v Canterbury	4-2	5-0	1-0	0-1
Bathurst '75 v Campbelltown	0-2	1-3	1-8	6-2

All other matches deferred

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

THE winners of special ASW scholarships to Johnny Warren's Soccer Academy are:

Manuel Villalon, Airds. Age 11.
Shane Williams, Dapto. Age 13.
Troy Henderson, Bellambi. Age 12.

Winners will be contacted with further details.



CANTERBURY'S CARDILLO

CANTERBURY Under 16 Youth League coach Sam Cardillo is an eager beaver who is well and truly wrapped up in junior soccer.

That is, when he is not on duty with Sydney retailers Grace Bros as a security officer.

Sam started out with Apia-Leichhardt as a seven-year-old and went on to represent in state and Australian schoolboy teams.

Maybe coaching was in his blood as he was only 13-years-old when he looked after his first team of youngsters.

Canterbury Association's big difficulty in Youth League is that strongly-supported senior clubs such as Apia-Leichhardt, Sydney Olympic and Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic often have first call on the pool of youngsters who are looking to representative football.

Recruiting has its difficulties but Sam is determined to get the best results possible out of his players.

— FRANK FINLAY



SAM CARDILLO

WHITEBRIDGE TO TOUR

DURING the May holidays Whitebridge High School's senior soccer team will visit South-East Queensland along with their magnificent cheer squad.

It has been said that Whitebridge is the best Hunter Region school never to have won the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, and I would heartily agree.

BY BILL TURNER

Like all tours, whether into or out of the Hunter Region, great emphasis will be placed upon the educational value of the exercise.

Thanks to Chapman Bonner and other members of the QSSSF, Whitebridge will encounter top-grade football opposition and enjoy a rewarding educational experience.

Grant Harrison, who has been coaching Whitebridge for many years, is quietly confident that his side will again do well this season.

Last year they went

extremely well in the Commonwealth Bank Cup and have retained most of their players.

In Queensland they will play Mt Gravatt,

Camp Hill, Wynnum, Springwood and Keebra Park.

The manager of the side is Phil Freeman, who has given great service to the school's

Bill Turner Cup sides over the years.

Mrs Christine Squire is the coach and choreographer of the cheer squad.

For a number of years now they have been a very popular attraction at night promotions of high school football in Newcastle.



WHITEBRIDGE TEAM & CHEER SQUAD:

BACK ROW (L to R): Mr Grant Harrison (coach), Giselle Penn, Suzanne Roberts, Darren Mitten (vc), Mark Scott, Jason Murray, Gillian Stocker, Lynne Dobinson, Mrs Christine Squire (cheer squad coach).
SECOND ROW: Corinne Irvine, Raylee Joyce, Peter Talty, Craig Smailes, Peter Laing, Gavin Tennant, Rachel Stevens, Amanda Armit.
THIRD ROW: Mr Phil Freeman (manager), Stephen Allenby, Craig Toynes, Darryl Minter, Warwick Maher (capt), David Moore, Michael Walsh, Stuart Horvath.
FRONT ROW: Kristin Blanch, Alison Coombes, Cathy Waring, Karen Armstrong.

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SYDNEY YUGAL YOUTH LEAGUE

COACHES & PLAYERS WANTED

An additional coach is required by the above club for its Youth League ranks.

Also, more players for the Under 13 Youth Team are now wanted.

For further information, please contact:

Mr Paul Taliana,
Telephone 667 2941 after
5pm

International Profile



KERRY MILLMAN

KERRY, 20, has been a member of the Australian squad for the last three years.

Together with her older sister Joanne, she plays for Brisbane club Eastern Suburbs.

Both Kerry and Joanne travelled to Taiwan for the World Women's Invitational Tournament last December.

Prior to that they travelled to Xian City in China for another tournament.

But this week, when we contacted Kerry at her home in the Brisbane suburb of Camp Hill, she broke some startling news to us.

"I have had enough of international football for the time being and I have decided to retire from the Queensland and Australian teams.

"I'm retiring for a year only at this stage for personal reasons, and already I'm feeling much better and happier for it."

Kerry and Joanne come from a real soccer family. Their elder brother Ron was a top striker with NSL club Brisbane Lions before moving to Ipswich where he won Queensland's Rothmans Medal last year.

An attacking left-back for Australia and midfielder for the Queensland state team, Kerry will be missed by both these squads in 1985.

"I'm quite happy to just play club football this year," Kerry concluded.

BIRTHDATE: September 4, 1964.

BIRTHPLACE: Brisbane.

HEIGHT: 5'5".

PLAYING POSITION: Left full-back for Australia, midfielder for club and state teams.

OCCUPATION: Clerk with the Lands Department.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Eastern Suburbs.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen and Elton John.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Harrison Ford.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: NSW's Kim Lembryk.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Peter Withe, Glenn Hoddle and Bryan Robson.

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN: The West German team, plus the overall organisation of the whole tournament which was excellent.

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN OVERSEAS: Airports. I'm an impatient type of person and hate delays like waiting around airport lounges for connecting flights, etc.

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: To organise team preparation a lot better before all overseas tours by Australia.

WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH JOHN ECONOMOS

MEET NEW NATIONAL DIRECTOR

KEITH GILMOUR, one of Australia's leading soccer journalists over the past 25 years, was recently appointed as the first national executive director for the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

This full-time position is funded jointly by the AWSA and the Australian Sports Commission based in Canberra.

The national executive director has already set up an office within the Australian Soccer Federation's premises in Clarence Street, Sydney.

Mr Gilmour will be fully involved with administration, sponsorships and general promotional work for women's soccer.

"I will be aiming to contribute to the growth of the women's organisation Australia-wide. There is much to be done and achieved for the girls in their sport, which has grown at school, local, state and international levels since the AWSA was formed 11 years ago," Mr Gilmour said.

His contribution to sports journalism, particularly with AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and Australian Associated Press, has been enormous.

The AWSA can consider themselves most fortunate in being able to attract and secure a person of Mr Gilmour's integrity, wisdom, stability and experience, which makes him such a valuable acquisition for this position.

Keith, 58, is Australian-born. He became interested in soccer as a youngster at Concord West in Sydney.

His organisational ability first came to the fore when he formed soccer competitions at Fort Street Boys High School.

However, his efforts were frustrated by the sportsmaster, who took the soccer balls away.

A player in the Metropolitan Soccer League, Protestant

Churches, Canterbury, Northern Suburbs, Gladesville-Hornsby and Federation lower divisions. Keith also refereed in the Gladesville-Hornsby district.

He was foundation secretary of Concord Soccer Club and Concord Juniors in 1947, and in 1953 was foundation secretary of the Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association.

He held that post until 1960, and in 1957 he also took on the duties of secretary of the New South Wales Junior Soccer Football Association.

From 1958 to 1962, Keith was president of the NSW Junior SFA, and later became publicity officer.

During this period, he organised the formation of a number of associations and managed the NSW Under 16 New Zealand tour — the first since 1927.

He was involved in coaching with Western Suburbs, Gladesville and NSW U16s.



KEITH GILMOUR

In 1974 Keith arranged the publicity for the England Schoolboys tour.

For seven years, Keith was also chairman of the NSW Soccer Federation disciplinary committee.

He is a Life Member of Gladesville Hornsby Football Association and Referees Association, the NSW Metropolitan League (now taken over by the NSW Soccer Federation) and the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation (formerly NSW Junior SFA).

Keith has been a reporter for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY since its inception in 1980 and his "Junior Scene", which provides nationwide coverage of junior soccer, has been one of the most popular features of the paper.

DOYLE CHOSEN AS ASSISTANT FOR NSW TEAM

JOHN DOYLE, former Australian World Cup international midfielder, has been appointed assistant coach to Alan Lytton for the NSW women's team for the 1985 national championships.

The series will be held in Melbourne from Monday, August 27 to Friday, September 6.

Doyle is a high school mathematics subject master and was a top player in Newcastle before transferring to Sydney to enhance his soccer career with the Australian national team.

He toured overseas on the Socceroos' world tour in 1970 as a creative midfielder who was also dominant in the air.

Doyle is also well-known for his excellent coaching sessions on SBS Television last year, and is currently coaching Sydney City's Under 13s in the NSW Youth League.

Trixie Tagg, also a highly qualified coach and a high school teacher, has been appointed team-manager for NSW.



JOHN DOYLE

Close followers of women's soccer tip a big future for Collette Fitzpatrick, who is in charge of the NSW Under 17 team for Hobart in early July.

Her coaching assistant is Kim McCarthy. Federation treasurer Mrs Lyn Coughie is manageress.

David Wadsworth is the Under 15 coach with Phil Hiron as assistant. W. Thomas has been appointed as manager.

Ian Collier is the physiotherapist for all the teams.

International Profile



JOANNE MILLMAN

JOANNE, 23, is one of Australia's most experienced players. She represented her country at centre-back.

Her younger sister Kerry plays on the left side of Australia's back-four line.

Joanne is a very popular member of the national squad. Her dry humour always provides a few laughs for team members.

But in the recent World Women's tournament in Taiwan, Joanne soon found out that the standard of football was no joke.

"I was shocked at the high level of soccer amongst the Asiatic countries, not to mention the West German team. They were great. They play it hard, fast and are ever so skilful," the red-haired stopper said.

Joanne, who plays for Brisbane club Eastern Suburbs together with other Queensland and Australian players, sister Kerry and Susan Monteath, was a member of the team that last year won the Australian state championships in Canberra.

You could call Joanne a "money girl" as she is employed by Queensland's Treasury Department.

Typical of Joanne's humour: "We make more money than any other government department in the state."

Maybe Joanne might be able to solve the AWSA's constant problem of lack of funds!

BIRTHDATE: August 18, 1961.

BIRTHPLACE: Brisbane.

HEIGHT: 5'4".

PLAYING POSITION: Centre-back.

OCCUPATION: Public servant with the Queensland Treasury Department.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Eastern Suburbs.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Elton John and Billy Joel.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Paul Newman and Robert Redford.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: NSW's Kim Lembryk.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Bryan Robson, Paul Mariner and West Germany's Silvia Neid.

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN: The very high standard of soccer, much higher than I dreamed it would be. Also how big the tournament over there really was. In Australia we have no idea on what a large scale it is and how well they promote it. The organisation was superb and faultless.

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN OVERSEAS: I would like the girls to have more knowledge about future tournaments prior to departure. An itinerary would help. We got all that a day after we arrived. We didn't even know what countries would be in the tournament before we left Australia.

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: To organise team preparation a lot better before all overseas tours begin.

PRIMARY GIRLS

RYDE District primary schools were quite innovative when they formed a girls soccer competition recently.

A round-robin competition was played on the Morri-

son Bay ground at Gladesville as part of the popular Ryde Municipal Games.

Competing were Ryde East, West Ryde, Ryde and Boro-nia Park public schools.



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IT WAS SO EASY FOR LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL through comfortably, almost without breaking sweat, but Juventus scraping in narrowly ... that was the European Cup semi-final story from Athens and Bordeaux.

The English champions took a massive 4-0 advantage of Greece for their return match against Panathinaikos and a goal from Mark Lawrenson in the Olympic Stadium in Athens gave them a 5-0 aggregate victory.

Juventus also looked as good as in the Final with their 3-0 first leg win over Bordeaux in Turin, but they had several frights before clinching success in the return leg.

In fact, Bordeaux won 2-0 with goals from Dieter Mueller and Patrick Battiston and failed to reach the Final in Brussels on a 3-2 aggregate.

The European Cup Final will be played on May 29 and if tradition counts, Liverpool will be favourites.

The men from Merseyside have won the world's greatest club tournament four times but Juventus have never won it, although they did defeat Liverpool 2-0 in this year's Super Cup.

Of particular interest to Australians was the surprise appearance of Craig Johnston as a substitute 20 minutes from the end of the match against Panathinaikos.

Johnston, transfer-listed and completely out of favour at Liverpool, replaced expensive signing Paul Walsh.

Could this herald peace between Johnston and his club?

In the Cup Winners Cup semi-finals, another Merseyside team, Everton, had a magnificent 3-1 victory against Bayern Munich to go into the final against Rapid Vienna on May 15 in Rotterdam.

Everton overcome the slight hiccup of an early Bayern goal scored by Dieter Hoernes to hammer home match-winning efforts from Grame Sharp, Adny Gray and Trevor Steven in the second half.

The undefeated run enjoyed by Everton has now stretched to 24 games.

Rapid Vienna drew 1-1 in Moscow against Dynamo after a first leg 3-1 success in Austria.

In the UEFA Cup, Real Madrid staged a second leg recovery against Inter Milan when they beat the Italian side 3-0.

Real, pride of Spain, trailed 2-0 from the first match in Milan but, in front of 100,000 spectators in Bernabeu Stadium, they scored through Santillana (two) and Gonzales to go into the Final.

The Spanish side will meet Videoton of Hungary who, though beaten 2-1 by Yugoslavia's Sarajevo, won their Final spot on an aggregate of 4-3.



BONIEK LAUGHS AT CRITICS

ZIBBY BONIEK, the Polish international forward, has never been the darling of the Italians, despite his solid performances for Juventus.



ZIBBY BONIEK

THERE has been quite a bust-up in Germany involving national coach Franz Beckenbauer and Bayern Munich coach Udo Lattek.

It seems Beckenbauer was not impressed by Lattek's tactics in the goal-less draw between Bayern and Everton in the Cup Winners Cup

match played in Munich. Beckenbauer said Bayern needed another midfielder player.

Lattek replied:

"Whoever said that wasn't at the match — and he knows nothing about soccer!"

Kaiser Franz accepted the criticism, apologised, and said: "I have learned my lesson."

Now he knows coaches don't like to be criticised by fellow coaches.

PLATINI ON TOP

MICHEL PLATINI, Italy's top goalscorer last season, looks like being top marksman again this season.

With 16 goals, Platini is four ahead of Altobelli of Inter and Napoli's Maradona.



The Turin media constantly give Boniek a hard time. Even Juventus officials say quite openly that they want to replace him.

But recently Boniek has been having the last laugh — by scoring goals and inspiring the team to success.

Boniek set Juventus on the road to a good win against Bordeaux in the European Cup and followed up by getting two goals in the team's 3-2 League victory against Udinese.

Gianni Agnelli, the boss of the Fiat company and also president of Juventus, described the Pole's form as "stupendous".

Even the hostile press changed their opinions and elected Boniek "Player of the Month".

This must have surprised Juventus fans whose favourite question is ... "When will Zibby leave?"

Boniek takes everything in his stride with the comment: "I only do my duty."

'KODAK CUP' FOR TOP U16 NATION

CHINA'S Football Association has made plans for hosting the World Under 16 Championships from July 31 to August 11.

The trophy will be known as The Kodak Cup. The official mascot will be a panda wearing red sweater and blue shorts.

Matches will be staged in Shanghai, Tianjin, Dalian and Peking.

There will be 16 teams taking part, divided into four groups, with the top two qualifiers going into the next round.

So far 12 nations

have qualified. They are Italy, Hungary, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Nigeria, Australia, USA, Congo, Bolivia, Guinea, West Ger-

many and China.

The Chinese hosts hope to finance this ambitious event through advertising revenue.

MARADONA NOT VENABLES FAN

DIEGO MARADONA, who has failed to make Napoli championship challengers in Italy, has been aiming a few shots at Terry Venables, coach of his old club, Barcelona.

While the hard-to-please Catalan fans are praising Venables to the heavens, Maradona insists the credit for Barcelona's great season should go to former coach Cesar Luis Menotti.

"The Englishman inherited Menotti's side and all his hard work. I think Cesar should be praised," claims Maradona.

Maradona is not quite right when he says Menotti deserves the credit.

Venables made several changes to the Barcelona side and all turned out to be winners.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was to handle the temperamental German

Berndt Schuster intelligently.

Schuster was regularly in strife at Nou Camp before the English coach arrived.

But Venables took him on one side and told him: "You are a soccer genius. This season go on the park and prove it. You must prove it to yourself as well as to me."

Schuster responded so well he was rated the most valuable player in Spain this season.

What does Maradona think about that?



TERRY VENABLES

DEMAND FOR SAFETY

PERU demanded cast-iron safety guarantees from Argentina before playing their World Cup qualifier in Buenos Aires.

The Peruvians were worried about the Bloody Easter Sunday troubles at the Independiente v Boca Juniors match in which 14-year-old Silvio Scassera was killed by gunshot wounds and 500 spectators were arrested for violence.

At least the Argentinians are consistent. They've a history of soccer violence going back at least 25 years.

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SACKED BOSS BACK

SWINDON TOWN made a speedy back-down of their decision to sack team manager Lou Macari.

Only five days after Macari was fired over a feud with assistant manager Harry Gregg, the Swindon board held a two-hour meeting and reinstated him.

"I owe my job to 2,500 supporters who backed me, to the players, and to the fact that I was prepared to fight to keep the job," said Macari.

"It takes very brave men to change their minds and admit they made a mistake and I hope the people who chanted for my return will now applaud the directors."

ALAN'S HURT AGAIN

ALAN DEVONSHIRE can't take a trick these days.

The talent West Ham midfielder, recently recovered from an injury which sidelined him for 13 months, is again on the treatment table.

He could miss end-of-season matches after visiting specialists who are not optimistic.

The injury is on the same knee which caused Devonshire's earlier absence.

CHRIS WADDLE rejected a new contract offered by his club Newcastle United and it seems a formality now for him to move on.

There is no shortage of clubs keen to buy Waddle.

JOE'S ON THE BALL

JOE JORDAN wasn't exactly a huge success in Italy with AC Milan and Verona but there's no doubt he has paid his way since returning to England to play for Southampton.

Lawrie McMenemy says a lot of the credit for Southampton's success goes to Jordan.

"Joe's goals are his reward for courage," said McMenemy. "We're an attacking team and if somebody has the courage to get on the end of crosses from the wing, he'll get goals."

"Joe Jordan and Andy Gray are the best examples of this."

Jordan, with 16 goals to his credit, says he wanted to play for Southampton after quitting Italy because "they're a team which knows how to handle older players and at my age, I wasn't going to interest Spurs or Arsenal."



JOE JORDAN: Southampton success.

TOP PLAYER A BARGAIN BUY

PETER REID of Everton revealed a few secrets after receiving his trophy as England's "Player of the Year" on the votes of his fellow players.

When he was transferred by Bolton Wanderers at a fee of \$100,000, Sheffield Wednesday agreed to pay the figure.

So Reid had talks with Wednesday boss Jackie Charlton and was on the verge of signing when Everton came in with an identical offer.

He took five minutes to make up his mind — and he joined Everton.

Reid said: "I had always been a fan of Liverpool but I knew Everton was the sleeping giant, a club with enormous prospects."

"The potential at Everton is magnificent. Andy Gray is 29 and I'm 28 but the rest of the lads are in their early 20s."

"There are no limits to what we can achieve."

Reid, by the way, was once on the Bolton transfer list at \$1,000,000; in fact Bolton refused Everton's bid for him at this time.

Then a bad run of injuries sent the Reid price tumbling to a mere one-tenth of that fee.



PETER REID: players' choice.



BILL ASPREY

WHERE WERE FANS?

WHEN Aberdeen played Dundee United in the Scottish FA Cup semi-final at Tynecastle, the attendance was only 18,000.

The SFA was asked to switch the replay away from Edinburgh in the hope of pulling in a better crowd, but it insisted both teams had to return to Edinburgh.

ASPREY ANGRY

STOKE CITY boss Bill Asprey was quite shattered when he was told he had been suspended by the club "for events on and off the field."

Asprey said the wording of the statement was a sham and he had been simply fired. He is taking legal action.

It has been a dreadful season for Asprey. At one time, he had to take sick leave when he said he was exhausted mentally and physically.

"I went close to breaking my health for the club," said Asprey, "and I feel totally let down."

"When the statement about my suspension was read out to me, all I could see were the tops of the directors' heads — none of them looked me in the eye."

ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION FROM BRITAIN

CHAMPAGNE TIME AT GOODISON!

EVERTON can safely start celebrating their first English First Division championship since 1970.

After the weekend games, the Toffemen are nine points clear of their only logical challengers, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur.

And Everton have played three fewer matches than United and two fewer than Spurs.

Everton went on their all-powerful way with a win by 3-0 against Norwich City at Goodison Park.

While this was happening, United could only draw 0-0 at home with struggling Sunderland and Spurs also drew 1-1 at Chelsea.

Norwich managed to hold the champions-elect for 42 minutes before defender Derek Mountfield opened the scoring.

Just after half-time, Trevor Steven put the home side two up and Paul Bracewell sealed the 3-0 result in the 55th minute.

Sunderland were within sight of a shock 2-1 win at Old Trafford but Manchester United scrambled a draw with a Kevin Moran equaliser in the closing minutes.

Despite the precious point, Sunderland are still clear favourites for the dreaded drop into Second Division.

Third from bottom, they have 40 points — the same number as second-bottom Coventry City — but have played four matches more.

Sunderland are in desperate trouble and will probably be relegated along with Stoke City, but the identity of the third relegation team remains a mystery.

In the Second Division, you can put your money on Oxford, Birmingham City and Manchester City being promoted.

Oxford are already there and Birmingham also appear unassailable.

Manchester City had a great 2-1 away win against another promotion hopeful Portsmouth while Blackburn also had a three-pointer against Barnsley at Oakwell.

Meanwhile at the wrong end of the table, Wolves are now in rock-bottom spot after their depressing 4-0 home defeat at the hands of Fulham and it appears nothing can save Tommy Docherty's side.

The Scottish Premier Division race is all over with Aberdeen worthy champions following their 1-1 home draw with challengers Celtic.

Celtic were first to score just after half-time when skipper Roy Aitken banged in a penalty kick but the Dons equalised, also through their captain, Willie Miller, whose long-range drive gave the title to his team.

Mathematically, Celtic could still catch Aberdeen but for this to happen, it would take a miracle — and miracles are rare in big-time football.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE:

Arsenal 1	Sheffield Wednesday 0
Aston Villa 5	Queens Park Rangers 2
Chelsea 1	Tottenham 1
Coventry 2	West Bromwich 1
Everton 3	Norwich 0
Ipswich 0	Liverpool 0
Leicester 1	Nottingham Forest 0
Manchester United 2	Sunderland 2
Newcastle 2	Southampton 1
Sheff Wed 0	Watford 2
Stoke 0	West Ham 0
Luton 0	

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO:

Barnsley 1	Cardiff 3
Huddersfield 0	Charlton 1
Blackburn 0	Grimsby 2
Wimbledon 1	Leeds 1
Oxford 0	Middlesbrough 2
Brighton 1	Notts County 3
Carlisle 0	Oldham 1
Crystal Palace 0	Portsmouth 1
Manchester City 2	Sheff United 0
Shrewsbury 1	Wolverhampton 0
Fulham 4	

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE:

Bolton 1	Brentford 1
Bristol Rovers 0	Orient 1
Burnley 1	Millwall 1
Derby 1	Cambridge 0
Doncaster 3	Newport 2
Hull 3	Wigan 1
Lincoln 1	Swansea 0
Plymouth 1	Orient 1
Preston 0	Reading 1
Sheff Wed 0	York 2
Rotherham 0	Walsall 1

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR:

Crewe 0	Exeter 0
Hartlepool 1	Aldershot 0
Hereford 1	Northampton 1
Mansfield 1	Blackpool 1
Peterborough 0	Colchester 1
Port Vale 3	Halifax 1
Rochdale 1	Chester 2
Stockport 0	Chesterfield 1
Torquay 0	Bury 2
Wrexham 2	Scunthorpe 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION:

Aberdeen 1	Celtic 1
Dumbarton 0	Dundee 0
Morton 0	Hibernian 0
St Mirren 4	Rangers 3
Hearts 1	

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE:

Ayr 3	Clydebank 2
Brechin 0	Motherwell 0
East Fife 0	Partick 1
Forfar 0	Falkirk 2
Hamilton 1	Motherwell 1
St Johnstone 2	Kilmarnock 4

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO:

Albion 2	Raith 4
Arbroath 3	East Stirling 0
Berwick 0	Stirling 2
Cowdenbeath 4	Queen Of The South 0
Montrose 1	Queens Park 4
Stenhousemuir 2	Alloa 4

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	35	24	6	5	80	36	78
Man Utd	38	19	10	9	70	41	67
Tottenham	37	19	8	10	67	42	65
Sheff Wed	38	16	14	8	55	39	62
Arsenal	39	18	8	13	57	44	62
Liverpool	35	17	10	8	52	26	61
Southampton	38	17	10	11	50	44	61
Notts Forest	38	18	6	14	54	44	60
Chelsea	37	15	12	10	54	41	57
Aston Villa	39	14	11	14	55	57	53
Watford	37	12	13	13	67	62	48
Leicester	39	14	6	19	60	65	48
West Bromwich	39	14	6	19	49	58	48
Newcastle	39	12	12	15	52	67	48
QPR	39	12	11	16	48	64	47
Norwich	38	12	9	17	44	61	45
Ipswich	37	11	10	16	39	51	43
Luton	36	11	9	16	47	57	42
West Ham	35	10	12	13	42	54	42
Sunderland	39	10	10	19	38	54	40
Coventry	35	12	4	19	38	55	40
Stoke	37	3	8	26	22	78	17

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	39	24	7	8	75	32	79
Birmingham	39	23	6	10	56	33	75
Manchester C	39	20	10	9	59	36	70
Blackburn	39	19	10	10	60	39	67
Leeds	39	18	11	10	63	40	65
Portsmouth	39	17	14	8	63	49	65
Brighton	39	17	12	10	44	31	63
Shrewsbury	39	17	11	11	62	49	62
Fulham	39	18	7	14	65	61	61
Grimsby	38	17	7	14	67	56	58
Barnsley	38	14	13	11	41	37	55
Wimbledon	38	15	8	15	67	71	53
Huddersfield	38	14	9	15	48	58	51
Carlisle	39	13	7	19	46	58	46
Oldham	39	13	7	19	42	64	46
Charlton	39	11	10	18	46	54	43
Sheff United	39	10	13	16	51	80	43
Crystal Palace	39	10	12	17	42	63	42
Middlesbrough	39	9	9	21	39	56	36
Cardiff	39	9	8	22	46	72	35
Notts County	39	9	6	24	41	69	33
Wolves	39	7	9	23	34	70	30

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	43	27	9	7	73	40	90
Hull	43	24	12	7	76	45	84
Millwall	41	22	11	8	61	37	77
Bristol City	41	21	8	12	67	43	71
Gillingham	41	21	8	12	66	55	71
Bristol Rovers	42	20	10	12	59	41	70
Derby	43	18	11	14	59	50	65
Walsall	42	18	11	13	55	47	65
Rotherham	43	18	11	14	54	49	65
Bournemouth	42	18	10	14	53	42	64
Reading	42	18	8	16	64	55	62
Doncaster	42	17	9	14	58	54	60
Plymouth	43	14	13	16	60	62	55
Sheff Wed	42	14	12	16	56	61	54
Bolton	43	15	6	22	64	66	51
Newport	41	13	12	16	52	67	47
Lincoln	42	10	16	16	46	46	46
Wigan	40	11	13	16	44	53	46
Swansea	41	11	9	21	49	74	42
Orient	42	11	9	22	48	73	42
Preston	42	12	6	24	47	92	42
Burnley	43	9	13	21	56	70	40
Cambridge	42	3	8	31	33	89	17

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	43	25	11	7	61	34	86
Bury	42	23	11	8	69	42	80
Blackpool	42	22	12	8	64	36	78
Darlington	40	22	11	7	59	40	77
Hereford	42	21	11	10	61	41	74
Colchester	43	19	13	11	80	60	70
Southport	43	19	11	13	75	54	68
Swindon	42	20	7	15	55	51	67
Tranmere	42	21	3	18	74	61	66
Crewe	43	18	11	14	61	60	65
Peterborough	43	16	11	16	53	52	59
Port Vale	43	16	14	14	64	53	55
Mansfield	42	12	17	13	37	53	53
Aldershot	41	15	8	18	47	57	53
Hartlepool	43	14	10	19	51	60	52
Exeter	42	13	13	18	55	77	49
Wrexham	43	13	8	22	63	68	47
Southend	43	12	11	20	57	80	47
Stockport	41	13	7	21	56	68	46
Chester	42	12	8	22	51	66	44
Rochdale	39	10	11	18	44	57	41
Northampton	44	12	5	27	50	74	41
Halifax	43	12	5	26	35	67	41
Torquay	42	9	13	20	35	56	40

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	34	25	5	4	84	25	55
Celtic	33	21	7	5	74	28	49
Dundee Utd	34	19	7	8	65	31	45
Rangers	34	15	4	15	45	34	37
St Mirren	34	15	4	15	48	54	33
Dundee	34	13	7	14	46	50	33
Hearts	34	13	5	16	45	56	31
Hibernian	34	8	7	19	35	60	23
Dumbarton	34	6	7	21	29	61	19
Morton	34	5	2	27	27	96	12

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	37	20	7	10	60	35	47
Clydebank	37	16	13	8	55	36	45
Falkirk	37	19	6	12	65	53	44
Airdrieonians	37	16	8	13	64	54	40
Hamilton	37	15	10	12	43	46	40
Forfar	37	14	11	12	53	48	39
Clyde	37	14	11	12	45	43	39
Ayr	37	14	9	14	55	49	37
Brechin	37	14	8	15	48	55	36
East Fife	37	11	11	15	51	54	33
Partick	37	13	7	17	48	53	33
Kilmarnock	37	11	10	16	39	57	32
Meadowbank	37	10	10	17	45	61	30
St Johnstone	37	9	5	23	47	74	23